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Undead Seeks Warmth

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THE GEAR, STILL NOT ACCUMULATING

Inside the forest, Merlan walked.

While giving enough gaze towards her surrounding in high alert, she also didn't forget to strain her ears.

For her who is an 『archer』 in the first place, something like this is breakfast for her

[Meru-saan, please wait for me~!]

[.....haah]

Following her back, a boy with sword hanging around his waist.

With his face that didn't have quite distinction, he wears an unusual weird cloth.

One can't feel any nervousness from his face, a man that have an aura that one can't think of him as an adventurer

His name is, Kokonoe Shinya.

The one so called 『the brave』 , was one of the three great kingdom Masshanoizas summoned.

Perhaps getting irritated at hearing his loud voice and his steps from behind.

Merlan turned back, and glared at him sharply.

[How many times have I said not to follow me? Go ask another person if you want to defeat the demon lord, I am not interested, you know.]

[Haah..... Haaah..... You're fast you know, Merlan-san.....]

He didn't listen.

Merlan impression of him which she just met this morning was at its worst.

She thought, a persistence man is of the things that entered the top five things when it came to the things that she hates the most in this world.

And thus, because of Shinya's act that keep following her without minding what she said no matter how many times she rejected him, there's no way it'll give a good impression on her.

In the first place, the before mentioned demon lord extermination and such, Merlan didn't have any intentions to join in a group with another person.

For her, since she lost 2 of her precious childhood friends, she always done things alone.

And thus, she never felt even once that she needed a comrade.

[For now, go home. From onwards, this is a place where only B rank monsters above lurks around, you know, I won't look after you, you know.]

[I, I'll be fine! While I look like this, I am already trained by Miko-san , if it's just a monster I'll be fine !]

[.....]

The proud Miko from Masshanoizas.

The one who said to have an eye that is capable to perceive thousands of miles of heaven and earth, an existence that in this continent, there would be no one that didn't know her name.

Indeed, if he got trained by that Miko.

This man that looked unreliable, perhaps will be have some kind of use.

Merlan knitted her eyebrows.

The reason for her going solo, was because of the trauma of losing her friends a long time ago..... is not only that.

The other thing was about an existence that she was searching for, an 『Intelligence Undead』 .

The undead that saved her a long time ago.

Though, right now what he did and where he was, she didn't know about it.

but she wanted to meet with him again.

At least, she wanted to confirm it, whether he is still alive or already death.

That's why, among the numerous magic that existed, she chose 『strengthen eyesight』

So that she will not fail to notice him, if that man was still alive that is.

No matter what happened, she wanted to meet him once more, and give her gratitude.

[Come on Meru-san, let's go!]

[Why are you the one who is leading.....?]

Looking at Shinya who without her noticing already was standing in front of her, Merlan made a deep sigh.

Even though he's weird, she got an eye on him.

Black hair, and an unusual design cloth.

The fact that he's have a lot of similar characteristic with the person that she was searching for, made her irritated.

[(..... the looks are doubtful though)]

Her childhood friend, Jick, and the undead that she met at the labyrinth.

These two person that will immediately floated in her mind whenever someone said

『Male』 , for her who has the level of beauty that is hard to find another that's on her level.

When she evaluates one's face she is quite..... harsh.

[----- Kokonoe, Stop]

Some weird sound rang in her ears.

And then, thought it was only flash, she felt like there was a light somewhere.

Quickly she prepared her short bow, Merlan who already nocked her arrow, said with cold voice.

[Eh?]

[There's something. On the left]

Her left eye that peeked from monocle, releasing an arrow that will go through everything.

Her eyesight got strengthen several times, she was able to perceive Everything without any hardship till the end of the forest.

Over there ----

[..... Kh!?]

The moment it entered Merlan's sigh, she dashed.

Though she felt like she heard Shinya's voice, that was not her concern.

The reason that she was at this forest.

Was for the sake to confirm a rumour that she heard several days ago.

『Recently, around here there was a sight of a human-type monster that wore unusual cloth』

Though it was tattered, the material was soft-looking black uniform.

That part was something she will not forget, that was a particular trait that 『he』 had

With agile movement, she evaded the tree branches, as she dashed.

The distance where it entered her sight, was about 2 Kilometre.

He was there, on land that was quite vacant.

His hair was silver.

He didn't wear anything.

On his back, a pair of wings that was near transparent growing out of it.

However, it wasn't a mistake.

She wouldn't make a mistake.

Even though more than 1 year had passed.

But it still clearly lingering on her mind.

[Wait.....]

While still turning his back at her.

While 『he』 bent his back a bit.

With 3 flaps of his wing, he flew away.

[Wait..... Kh]

Her voice, still didn't reach.

It's too far. It's too far.

She was deeply regretting that she didn't learn 『amplification』 magic.

[Don't go.....!]

With heavy breathing, when the time she arrived at that vacant land.

over there, 『his』 figure was already gone.

[.....Hnn..... Hmmnhh]

From some time ago, she didn't realize it, the woman who wore a nun dress.

Covered with a tattered black uniform, was still sleeping.

IDLE TALK

QUESTION THAT WON'T CHOOSE

Vermouth = Erzalord was crying.

Tears flowed from her crimson coloured eyes, thus she cried.

With a fragile, unsteady step.

And then, every living being that was standing before her

Eliminated

A village.

A place which by chance was standing in her way, a small village

Destroyed

Piled up, mountain of corpses.

Flowing, a sea of blood.

Without drinking those blood.

In daze, on the top of the mountain of the corpse.

She gazed, towards the sky.

No matter how much she destroyed.

She can't satisfy her feeling at all

-I can't find it.

Where are you? -

Vermouth continued to walk

After all, she was searching.

Her precious, precious.

Him, who was more precious than anything in this world.

And so, she asked.

Even if, to the humans who was not even worth of exchanging words with her.

On the way, she caught a glimpse of a big city.

Vermouth who was walking in unsteady steps, to the first person that she met.

-..... hey~

She stopped that person, thus asked.

To her question, one must not answer

To her question, one must not silent.

If, one answer that they don't know, instantly you'll be smashed.

If, one stayed silent and thus didn't answer, instantly you'll be smashed

However, humans not knowing such thing.

And thus, they answered, or thus they stayed silent.

Toward her question, the question of the lord vampire.

Without knowing, those choices will be the last in their life.

- Do you, perhaps, know where my beloved is? -

About 10 towns, in the Shardia continent.

In less than one night, met their doom.

CHAPTER 2

A coin that's capable of reversing any probabilities, [Reverse Reverse].

A ring that made one able to enter shadows, [Shadow Gate].

And then, the one that I got this time, a dagger that will protect its master from danger [The One Who Judge].

Spreading those things on the top of a sheet, while folding my hands, I looked down upon those things

I, decided that I will revive my own body and Misha's.

And as the way to realize that, the magic tool that caught my eyes.

In the existing technique such as [Magic] and [Other techniques] , there's no way to revive a dead.

That's why, by the last chance, I bet it on magic tools.

Saying by the result.

The thing that is able to revive death..... the magic tool that has chance to do that, does exist.

Whilst holding massive headache, it was an information that I got from using Proffes, the credibility is high.

That magic tool's name is, [Kerukeion]

The shape is unknown.

The place where it is, I also don't know.

After all, I thought that if I really want to take out that information, it will really burn my brain to crisp.

With my current body strength, it is still far before I can fully use Proffes.

Then as a last resort, I will change the search category to [the whereabouts of the magic tool], and thus I will be able to know the place per say.

However, what kind of magic tool it is, I wouldn't know.

Until I come here directly like this, I wouldn't know whether it is [The real thing] or [A miss]

However, it was better than having no clue at all.

If I didn't have Proffes, not only I wouldn't be able to get these three magic tools, I wouldn't even know the existence of Kerukeon after all.

Fortunately, now that TAKAHINA is already gone, my time is almost infinite.

Even If I had to search through another 215 magic tools, I will absolutely find it.

I sat cross legged and closed my eyes.

Thought it will not affect the result, but if I want to use Proffes while concentrating, this is one of the way to do it.

Having an image of an opened book inside my head, I gathered my consciousness

Finally, the thing that came to my head, was a large number of character strings.

Those things created a vortex, and engraved into me.

I couldn't comprehend what the characters meant.

But those are not important.

After all, those characters started to change into words that I know of and gave me an answer.

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Gaining the information from Proffes, was a success.

I grasped the location of the 4th magic tool.

...Again, this will be quite a bothersome place.

Until now, all the magic tools were placed in a safe place..... for me though, it wasn't at place that was really dangerous.

But now,.....

It can't be helped.

As long as I got my share of information from profess, until I confirm the thing at that place, I wouldn't be able to receive the next information.

Furthermore, perhaps if this was the real thing.

I wouldn't miss it.

There's nothing that can be done by just thinking about it, let's go.

Though it was quite far from this place... but using my wings, it will only take several days before I reach that place.

The rest, I just need to use my instincts to find it, after I got close to the indicated place, if I use [Reverse Reverse] to temper with the probability, I can greatly reduce the time to find that magic tool.

Though I want to use the power to even temper the probability on finding Kerukeion, but Reverse Reverse's power is not that great.

well, it was better than nothing. Anything won't happen by grieving over nothing

I stood up, stuffed the magic tools inside my pocket.

As expected [The One Who Judge] will not fit in my pocket, so I hung it on my belt.

Thus, I spread my wings.

The place I aimed was, the neighboring country,

located at the end of the magic country Borthanzel, part of the [area of eternal night]

---- [Black lake]

CHAPTER 3

Gliding through the sky, it was several hundred of meters in the sky.

...Soon, I should be able to see the nation border.

Different from Shardia who were blessed with forest and mountains, Bolt Haizen was 80% dessert.

For the sake to living in such a harsh environment, they were the country which magical technology is the most advanced among the 3-great country.

And so, they were called as [Bold Haizen the Country of magic]

The place where I was aiming for, was [the black lake] that located about 2 days of walking away from the country's border.

If by flying it'll only take a day... If I hasten it can probably take only half day.

In front of me, I can see the end of the forest.

What came after the forest was prairie and if I go further I will find the dessert.

The border of the country was the border between the prairie and this forest.

After 5 minutes, I will enter the territory of Bold Haizenn

At the end of the forest, I can't find anything that resembled the sign of the border.

Well, that was a matter of course. Each of the three-great nations were having friendly relationship. I've never ever heard once about them having a war before ever since they were founded.

I also read about it in history books at nee-san's place so it can't be wrong.

Looking at the whole world's level, thinking with my logic that came from the earth where no matter what era we lived in, there will always be some kind of quarrel, a country that gets along for thousand years of time, was something that was impossible

beyond impossible.

Perhaps, it was the result of a being that was called [monsters] that become the same [enemy] of every humans.

In the end, unless there were such things that exist, human cannot be united.

While there was nothing in particular that happened, I passed the border.

The perpetual night area that still didn't enter my sight.

Compared to the especially big [Dusk mountain range] and [woodland of the golden night]... no.

Among the 6 territories of the perpetual night, among the name of the [six night]. The black lake was the closest.

With the area of almost about 1 km, it seems to be a place that was similar to a miniature garden.

Well, it helped me that it was small since it made the search became easier for me.

But at the same time, there was a thing that worried me.

What I was worried about, was the contact with the [demon king] and nothing else.

A place where monsters of rank 6 and higher gather, the area of perpetual night.

And then, among the [six night], excluding a place, each of them have one demon king resided in it.

[Woodland of the golden night] with the vampire lord , vermouthe - Erzalord.

[Solitary island of the forbidden] with orichalcon dragon , Rindoburn.

[Empty wasteland] with Despair Evil , Marei-jack.

[Full moon prairie of the seven tribe] With Kaizer Beast , Aslan-Leoga.

And then, [the black lake], resided a being that govern over all of the lilith (sucubi) Queen lilith, Rafa-Kirushi.

The one among the demon king race with the moodiest temperament, resided inside it.

I heard all their names from nee-san.

It's just... about the queen lilith, they will undergo a change once every 100 hundred years, so it's probably different now.

...It's not like they will be any big merit by knowing their name, so it doesn't really matter.

By the way about [dusk mountain range], that place was already empty.

It seems, it was the land of the demon king with the title [grim reaper] that was slayed by the legendary hero several hundreds of years ago.

That's why, at the thin part of the mountain foot.

In other words, there were only weaker monsters at the crimson plain, the danger lever was comparatively low.

However... It was different with other five areas. I realized it by staying in the woodlan of the golden night.

It feels like in the different world, inside that place where darkness resides.

Greatly different from the monster from the outside. A deep darkness that will devour anything that lost its focus.

The black lake where I go toward right now, perhaps was something similar to that.

Honestly, it was a place that out of the reach of some 4-rank monsters like me.

But, even so.

Since the thing that I wish for, perhaps existed at that place.

The died that was due to my fault, that one that felt like a little sister to me.

Right now, that kid, rest inside a cold coffin made from ice.

I want to revive her.

I want to return her life that was taken away because of me.

Flapping my wings, I increased my speed.

...No matter what danger laid ahead.

I am, an Undead. the one that shall never be broken even when my head was separated from my body.

If depending only my undead attribute, it was the only thing that I won against nee-san.

Only now, I was thankful for this body.

Even if my body was half destroyed, I can act like it was nothing.

Because of the cold air that gathered within this body, I can repair any kind of defect in a flash.

When fighting someone that was higher rank than me, there was nothing more helpful than this, right?

The prairie below my eyes, slowly changed into a dessert.

Before long, the lake that was clad in darkness should enter my view.

Somewhere at that place, the fourth magic item laid.

This was a game about speed and luck.

Without meeting with the demon lord, as fast as possible.

Quickly searching for the magic item, finding it.

Then quickly leaving afterwards.

.....No problem

I have the magic item to change probability after all, and I'm good at hiding myself.

I'm a monster that attack based on assassination and surprise attacks after all.

As long as I don't meet the demon lord, nothing bad will happen.

Nothing bad..... right?

Guided by the wind, while slowly feeling the big presence with this body.

Finally, in the bright of the day, I found the darkness of the night.

CHAPTER 4

...The heck... is this?

The boundary between night and day.

Me who stopped near the border of the [black lake], took a step back.

It was different crimson colored night that I've seen in deep red prairie.

It's also differ from the beautiful golden night of the woodland of the golden night.

It felt like I've seen an illusion that there was a huge aquarium that was filled with mud.

The darkness that seems to even have its own mass, due to the deep darkness that resided in it.

If there was darkness without anything else within it, perhaps, would it become something like this?

I can't understand. What and how so that this kind of darkness to be created?

If, the one who created this was the demon king that resided in this place, which was the [Queen Lilith - Queen Lilith].

The only thought that made fear went down to my spine.

How abnormal --- no, heresy... perhaps.

Could, could it really be someone created this thing?

I've seen several abnormal things in my life.

Nee-san which her sense of value of her own tribe is strange.

The sister who left the [boundary] of human common sense.

Even in my eyes, those girls were [abnormal] , they were in state of madness.

However, this thing was... heresy.

It's not abnormal, it was heresy.

It wasn't in state of madness, or even deviated.

It's just, different.

It was different from myself, and the other, from its root - from its basis.

It was muddy and messy, it was degenerated, perverted, immoral, unbalanced taboo ran through it, as if was licking and drinking from a cup that poured a shattered glass into it.

I can't see the end of such odd, unclear and un-understandable things.

No matter where I look, it's just deep and deep darkness.

A world where even light, darkness and chaos were absorbed.

---- Scary.

For an undead like me, who should be an existence that was born from the darkness itself.

This darkness was the [darkness], that even I am scared of it.

I've looked too lightly on these things, the perpetual night. This [six night].

At the [dusk mountain range], the darkness was already become thin.

and at [woodland of golden night], there was nee-san at my side as my ally.

I didn't understand anything. The dread of the darkness, its deepness, and its brutality.

This place. The [dark lake],

was showing the true nature of darkness, showing how loyal darkness is.

Just like a sword that's too sharp, it'll cut even its owner.

A fire that was too hot, will even burn its surrounding.

The darkness that was too deep, will even engulfed the creature that was born from darkness itself.

But I, without hesitation, stepped inside, into the darkness.

No matter how deep the darkness is.

No matter how scary it is that even made me stagger.

If the thing that I was searching for laid right in there, even if it's the entrance of the hell, I will enter it.

The place where that kid now, is the place that was darker than this.

The place where that kid now, is a place that was scarier than this.

If, for the sake of reviving Misha, I need to enter into this place.

I will raise my leg, and put it into the deep of darkness.

Towards, the [black lake].

No matter how dark it is, I can use my skill to perceive the life force of other beings in this darkness.

Inside the black lake, was silence.

The black lake that was spreading at the middle, as far as I can see, didn't have any slightest ripple on it.

My eyes, my ear, even my life detection.

Didn't have any response. Everywhere can't be seen, can't be heard.

This kind of thing was the first for me.

This feeling of the darkness that felt like it was crawling onto my body.

Even this silence was hurting my ears.

These unchanging scenery, that didn't even have winds blow.

And then at the most of all, I can't sense any life.

Not even the demon kind, I can't even feel any sign of monsters that supposedly lurking around this kind of place.

As I look around carefully, even if strain my ears.

I can't find anything.

I think, this was already beyond cliché, and it made me scared.

Why no accidents or something unexpected happened yet? Why was there no accident that will threaten my life happened yet?

Such thoughts crossed my mind.

I felt somehow, the coldness in my body increased.

...Anyway, if I only brood over it, I won't make any process.

Honestly, I felt anxiety because of these abnormal scenery... but I only need to quickly find the thing that I was searching for and leave this place.

I search in my pocket, and took out the [reverse reverse] from it.

It'll change the probability of anything in the range of several hundred meter, the [magic item] that I first found.

Though it was only barely, but it was an item that's capable to even rewrite the world.

Only looking at this one thing, I can understand how amazing these things called as magic item.

Though it can't do anything to the thing that was outside of its range, but this was still a priceless thing.

Whatever it is, it depends on how it was used.

That's why, I decided that I will bring back every magic item that I could find.

Flipping the coin, the coin rotated in the air several times.

With this, reverse-reverse was activated, the probability of the things around me are now reversed.

The coin shone bright for a moment, thus I caught it as it was falling.

As it fell right on the top of my palm, the coin felt hot.

This slight warm sensation after activating it, I quite liked it.

Finishing reversing the probability.

I suddenly, looked above.

The sky without any cloud, stars, or even moon.

The sky without anything.

The demon king that created this empty place.

Queen Lilith, I wonder what kind of existence is she.

So, I thought.

CHAPTER 5

Slowly, I descended.

As I reached 10 meters above the place I was at, I looked towards the ground.

Looking at the grain of ice, that fell each time I flap my wings.

Those that fell down slowly, glittering inside the unchanging scenery.

...This looked like I was really out of place here.

This scenery felt like it said that to me.

This place uncomfortable.

Hallucination that felt like this darkness coiling around my body.

Strange space, where nothing changed except for myself.

It felt like I will become crazy if I stayed too long in this place.

Also... though I didn't have any proof, but I have bad premonition.

Let's quickly find the magic item and retreat from this place.

As I flew at a low speed, I looked around my surroundings.

As I said before, there wasn't anything strange.

But well, before long, surely I'll find some lead.

However, even if I said that this place was the smallest among the [six nights], its area was surely not less than 1 kilometers.

Honestly, the probability of me finding the thing that I was searching for in this place was easily very slim.

That's why... I will find it.

With the power of [reverse-reverse] that has the power to reverse that probability.

Black lake, despite its located at dessert, it has vegetation growing wildly on it.

If I had to said, inside wasn't a dessert anymore, but more of a plain.

I don't know if this was the blessing of the demon lord or not, there's fact that the more vegetation existed, the lower of the possibility of me finding the item.

...Nevertheless, there's no way that the magic item is just laying down among those vegetation.

Each of the magic items have a great power resided within them.

Plant, or perhaps mineral that emitted magical power.

And after a while, it underwent some special processes by humans or monsters, the material itself already possess strong power.

And so, it was possible for a living being to use such strong magic without the burden of using such magic.

Because of that, almost all of the magic items are sealed.

The probability of that thing rolling over around here was close to none, furthermore the monsters that lived here was supposedly to be Lilith or succubus which was part [Demon race].

On the contrary of me who can't detect any magic power, their race was very sensitive to magical power.

There's no way they didn't realized a magic item's presence and left it around like that.

That's why, they surely have taken it into custody.

If that wasn't it, they shouldn't have left it in a place that was easily found by others.

After few second, I rotated in the sky.

I wished that there was maybe a cave that I missed, but sadly there wasn't such a thing.

The vegetation was less compared to the forest where I lived before, and I can see plainly all of the ground.

However, I can't find any place to keep a magic item anywhere.

Perhaps, the entrance was hidden?

Perhaps if that's so. Though it was only hunch, but I am quite certain of it.

Then, where could it be?

Underground... somehow, I felt that's wrong.

In the first place, in the place where no life force can be detected like this. I'm sure that there was some kind of trick hidden, somewhere is connected to another place... the probability of its existence is high.

And this magic item that I am searching for, I think is also at that place.

The demon king that was resided in this place, is the Queen Lilith.

She loved grandeur and luxury things, and totally hate unrefined and plain things.

Such kind of demon king, will she even want to stay underground?

The answer was no. It's impossible.

The pride and moody queen Lilith which was higher than those of the vampires, there's no way such a being would stay underground.

If that so, where could it be?

The answer should be something simple. Lilith hates troublesome things.

Transparent and easy to be seen, showy luxury and beautiful.

Furthermore, they have kind of the taste of a little girl, there will be some kind of fairy tale like aura being shown off that place.

Perhaps, [the world inside mirror]...

...Ah, is that so?

It was there... I've overlook it.

I flew through the air, and then stopped at some place.

Looking on the top of the black coloured lake below me, I flew right at the middle.

Slowly descending, I stopped only until bit further away from the surface of the lake.

Looked as if I was standing on the top of the lake, I gazed at the lake.

Making small pieces of ice on the top of my hand, thus I dropped it onto the lake.

And thus, the ice, sank without any sound.

Without even creating any ripple, it disappeared as if got sucked in.

Hmm, I understand... It wasn't a mirror world, but a water world.

It was inside.

The thing that I've been searching for.

...And also, unfortunately demon king will also be there.

I'm sure that inside will be quite vast.

Let's somehow tried to not meet with demon king and her subordinates, and silently take the magic item.

And after that, silently retreat from the place.

As for preparing my heart, I took a spin in the air.

Plop, thus I dived into the lake.

CHAPTER 6

Inside the dark lake, it was a totally different scenery than outside coming into my view.

Perhaps a space that was created by magic, and a castle stood right in the middle of it.

Totally different from nee-san's palace which was fitted to be called as an old fortress, this castle was decorated luxuriously.

Created from luxurious gems, it wasn't even integration to called it as the sweet stage of harlequin, it was such palace.

I who landed on the top of the rampart, got a little dumbfounded by the unexpected... feminine taste.

And then, I realized.

The fact that I can detect, almost all the life force within the castle.

I thought that it was weird.

Ever since I can't use heat detection, my life force detection became stronger than before, its performance has clearly increased from before.

However, its range was 30 meters at most.

This castle which at most will be a size of a small town, for me to be able to detect all the life force inside it, was supposedly impossible.

...Perhaps, it was because this was a space that was created by magic?

And so, tuning and using magic will become much easier in this place, is that so?

I asked Proffes, and it seems so.

Well, other than that, it seems there was also other factors that made this possible..... but since it will be too long, I will omit it.

For now, I know that inside this place, I can detect life force in much more vast area

than before.

This was some fortunate miscalculation. Hiding myself will be much easier.

Perhaps, there was about several hundred lives inside the castle.

Though unfortunately I didn't know the extent of their power, but my intuition said that several of them are dangerous.

In the first place, all of them who life in this place was a high level.

Certainly, they will be on the same level as of Hannibal or even TAKAHINA.

Not even winning, the possibility of me to be able to run away from them is very thin.

The only fortunate thing is the fact that Lilith and succubus are both whimsical creature, they shouldn't easily ask to fight.

As long as they are not in the bad mood, the possibility of me getting attacked as soon as we meet were thin.

And then, one of the defect of the life force detection.

...I totally didn't know the terrain.

Due to the heat detection that able to detect delicate change of temperature, it surprisingly made me able to understand the structure of building or some passages.

As I cannot use that anymore, all I can do is just estimate the position by the life forces that were detected.

It wasn't that different from searching by hand. This searching perhaps will be quite hard one... but

Reverse-reverse that I used some time ago.

Same as my life force detection, inside this space, its performance should increase too.

Then the possibility of me to be able to find the magic item inside the castle, will be

greatly increased.

For now, as I already have gone this far, I can't return anymore.

I dispersed the wings on my back, and silently enter the castle.

Luxurious furnishing, interior that was colored with red and gold.

Inside the passageway with red carpet covering it, adored with some meager ornament, it sparkled in my eyes.

It was to the extent that I thought that perhaps I was lost inside of some fairy tale.

For them to be able to live in this kind of place, I somehow felt a strange admiration.

For now, I haven't meet any of its residence.

Though it was mostly thanks to my life detection, I also have this [shadow gate]

It was a ring that gives its wearer the power to lurk inside the shadow.

I can use this quite well with the shadow from the candle on the ceiling that swayed.

The thing that I have to most cautious about was the opponents' charms.

Among the demon race, it was a technique that was used by that who have pride in its appearance, it has some fiendish effect.

If I just by a second got attracted by their appearance, they will use that gap to forcefully link their mind with mine, and then use me as they want, their magic was such.

Nee-san is also able to use it, but only a little.

For me who wasn't able to detect magical power and thus have a little resistance to magic, if I got caught in that magic there will be no way out.

...Well, perhaps charm won't be effective against me... I think.

I remembered all of the woman I met after I arrived at this world.

Merlan, also nee-san, Misha, the sister.

Every one of them had a good appearance. Especially nee-san and the sister, they were possessing the beauty that will make 1000 of 1000 person say that they were beauty if asked.

In other words, I got used to seeing beauties.

Actually, I slightly looked at 2 succubus and a Lilith, and I didn't felt anything.

They certainly were beautiful and their appearance were attractive, but nee-san's attractiveness was a whole new level higher than them. I can say that it's impossible for me to get attracted at that level anymore.

Though I am already dead, for me who was once a man, I don't know if this was a gain or a loss.

But for now, it saved me.

Secretly hiding inside the vase with rose patterns on it, I waited until a passing succubus to pass.

Inside this space which was brimming with magic power, I don't know if my presence and magical power were hidden, but I completely ignored it.

I somehow felt like it was too easy... but for now I didn't need to think anything unimportant, relying on my intuition, I silently advanced into the castle.

..... Snickering.

THE BECKONING, THE PROBABILITY

[...Boring.]

Lying down on a luxurious throne, the girl who chewed on a delicious looking snack muttered those words.

Then she rang the crystal bell that was in her hand.

[Is there anything I could do, your highness.]

The one that showed up immediately, was a beautiful succubus that wore a maid outfit.

The girl who was called as the queen took a quick glance over the maid, and then looked up.

In short, with a displeased expression she said.

[I'm bored, prepared something amusing.]

[I listen and obey.]

That request of hers didn't matter in what way one would perceive it, they will think of it as an unreasonable request, but the maid gracefully bowed looking like she was being used to something like this.

That was a matter of course. This kind of boredom rant of her was not the first time.

Ever since the day she rose to the throne replacing the previous queen, this kind of

conversation became a daily occurrence.

The maid blended into the darkness and removed her figure.

After several seconds had passed, she once again showed herself.

Her hands that wasn't holding anything until several seconds ago, were now holding on a gorgeous silver tray with several things lying on its top.

[How about this? It was a board game that was quite popular among humans lately, it's called "chess" or so it's called.]

[...The rule seems complicated. Bothersome, rejected.]

Without even her eyebrow twitching, looking at the young maid who threw her face away.

[Well then, how about card games.]

[Boring.]

[I've found a good needle and some thread, how about embroidery.]

[I don't feel like doing it today.]

After that, the maid presented the things on the tray one by one, but the girl was not interested in any of it.

Even the maid that was expressionless all this time started to drop the end of her eyebrows, looking troubled.

[.....This is quite troublesome. Even the human male that we caught several days ago was already broken because of the jailer snacking on him]

[Eeh!? Even though I was already looking forward to eating him ~!!]

[I am deeply sorry. I'll severely reprimand them later]

Once again, the maid gave a bow.

That nonchalant behavior of hers gave an aura of grace and elegance.

The queen rolled over on the throne that had the shape almost similar to a sofa.

Her half transparent black dress was really charming.

Even her figure right now that kept complaining [I'm bored] while sighing, gave off an alluring fragrant.

[Right now, the liliths are going around searching for a man substitute, I think they wouldn't be able to return for quite a while.]

[Isn't it normal that they're doing as they please. Every one of them are always doing what they like after all.]

Saying that, the queen fluttering her hand looked like she didn't care.

[Even you have been playing outside and eating anyone that fit your liking, right?]

[I am, a virgin.]

[Even though you're succubus!?!]

Due to the shocking truth that her maid had just said, the queen unconsciously bend herself forward.

It seems that even the queen never expected it.

[But really, this is quite troublesome. If this keeps on as it is, her highness will be attacked with boredom.]

[Even though you're a succubus... eeh, succubus.]

[What should we do?]

[For me, I am worried about you even more than you know.]

Slightly tilting her head, the succubus maid tried to think of a way out of this situation. And then, as if she remembered something, she clapped her hands.

[That's right. Actually, right now, there's an intruder inside the castle.]

[I already realized that since quite some time ago. What about the intruder?]

[It seems that the intruder messed with a part of the law of cause and effect. Thinking that no one other than us realized his existence, we can judge that he was quite an excellent character.]

[It's also possible to say that our place is full of idiots though. So, what about it?]

[How about we invite him to this place? It could kill her highness's boredom after all... more than that, if we leave that intruder as it is, that intruder will be going towards the treasure chamber.]

Hearing the maid's suggestion, the queen raised her body placing her hand on her chin and started thinking.

After about 10 second --- during her 10 seconds she has already given it a lot of consideration --- her eyes which have the same colour as her cheery blossom coloured hair, glittering suspiciously.

She laughed, then muttered.

[That's quite fun. I was thinking of leaving that intruder alone, but I just became too bored to let this slide.]

[I am truly sorry.]

The queen extended her hands in front of her face, and slowly.

She moved her hands, with a gesture of pulling something.

[So that intruder is messing around with the probability eh... perhaps a magic item or something of that sort.]

[It seems so. That magic is quite ancient after all.]

Every time she pulled her hand.

The atmosphere, seems to be smoothly warped.

[He~y, come here..... come here...]

Taking over the opponent's rights to change the vector of probability, and changed that probability into [Coming here].

That girl, among the demon lords was said to be most proficient at using magic.

[Queen Lilith]

Something of this extent, is no more than having a breakfast for her.

[Fufufu.....]

Blending in from the darkness, an angel was walking out of it.

Not knowing, where he was invited to.

CHAPTER 7

Hiding within the shadows of the two lilith that were loitering around while eating something, after they left I once again went towards my destination.

.....Maybe it was this way. Thought it was faint, I can feel something.

I was guided by the probability that was changed due to reverse-reverse.

Perhaps this was a space that was created using magic, but the usual several hundred-scope changed into the whole castle.

At the end of the hall with a three ways road, I chose the one on the right, I walked on the soft carpet without making any sound.

However, this searching was going rather quick.

Well, certainly that hiding was my specialty, but the one who resided at this place has higher ability than me.

But even so, they're not a type that will crush anything in front of them like nee-san, but the type that love to grasp the weak point of their opponent, Lilith and Succubus.

A race that have high magic ability even among the monsters, then naturally they have high detecting ability.

Such a race, didn't even realized about my existence that I was already going this deep... is that even possible?

After thinking about it for quite some time, I shake my head.

No matter how much I thought about it, with just guessing and common sense, I wouldn't be able to find the answer.

In the end, I can only move forward.

I can't go back from the road that I already in, I can only continue forward.

Even if the end of that road was the depth of the abyss.

I can only move, forward.

Walking, walking, and just walking.

While hiding my body, while hiding inside the shadow.

Sometimes tricking the eyes of the castle residences when our eyes meet, going forward with only relying on my instinct.

...What is this? For a while, I felt like I just walking through the same road.

Perhaps this is trap that was set in this castle?

No, that can't be possible. Judging from the usual actions of the Succubus and Lilith, they'll never do something so bothersome like setting up a trap in their castle.

After all Nee-san once said this, their favorite words were [beautiful] [elegance] [luxurious and gorgeous] , the words that they hate were [time consuming] [boredom] [retort].

Setting up trap will be taking time it's also bothersome, and if no one gets caught in that trap it will become boring.

Anyway, it's impossible. In this castle, there're no traps that will activate towards a foreign object.

Well perhaps there was a possibility that there were some traps on the outside of the castle, but I directly entered the castle.

Right now, it was uncertain.

That's why, I shouldn't be scared.

Fear draws attention of the devil, and the devil was the residence of this castle.

Look, the succubus over there was looking over here.

I held my breath, erased my presence, suppressed my emotion.

.....Yoshi..... she went away.

It's not like she realized my carelessness or by chance. I just hesitated a little..... only that and this what happened.

As deep as I go, there was a magic power that was I able to perceive which normally I wouldn't be able to.

It became a burden on my body, trying to push me back.

This is great, the magic item was already close.

Even though I haven't directly see it, it already gave off such an aura.

It seems that I can place my expectation on this one. It was worth it to plunge into this dangerous place.

After all, the magic item that I searched for was something that have possibility to revive a person.

Judging from its magical power, the item this time should be something amazing.

Perhaps, this is..... Is it possible?

That small expectation of mine.

A small flame that resided in my heart that I don't know if it's correct to call it hope, I carried it.

I, hasten my steps.

I stopped my feet at a huge, luxury door.

A big red door, that seems to be around 4 meters high almost touching the ceiling.

So it's here.

The magic item that resided in this place... have such high magical power inside it that it started to make my body itch.

Slowly looking at my surroundings, I extended my life detection.

I made sure that there were no other monsters around here.

I also didn't really feel that there was anyone inside the room.

Perhaps this was a treasure room or something like that, what a careless bunch.

They didn't even lock the door of this room.

Well, in the entire continent, the person who have the wits to sneak to the demon lord's place and tried to stole their belongings was only me I think.

Thinking again about their security, all the succubus and lilith that I have met on the way here, I think were already enough of a counter measure.

If I got discovered by any one of them, it'll be the end of me.

With silent movements, I placed my hand on the door.

Though it was quite heavy, but for me who has the power that is outside of the human realm, it was like pushing styrofoam.

Without extorting too much power, I opened the door while still maintaining my posture.

gigigi..... the door opened without much problem even when making such deep sound.

The fact that I didn't felt any uncomfortable because of this, is it because I have already lost my humanity?

While thinking of that, I looked inside the door that was opened wide.

Suddenly, because of great gust I was sucked inside the room.

.....Kh ! ?

The time I realized something was weird, it was already too late.

While lost my balance, I still was able to rotate in the air, and land safely.

While kneeling on the floor, I raised my face.

I felt it... deep inside my eyes.

- Yeey, Welcoo~me -

The room behind that door wasn't a treasury.

A room that was more luxurious than any room that I've seen in this castle.

With several of stairs surrounding that place, deep inside the room where the floor was higher.

Over there, a big sofa that seems to be able to fit 2 people was placed, and a girl was lying on it.

Beside her, was a succubus that wore a maid outfit.

But I quickly realized.

The one who stood in front of me, was someone who is outside the realm of norm.

I unconsciously used proffes on them, and at that moment when their information came into my mind.

I with all my might, jump backwards and hid myself inside a shadow.

Race Name : Queen Lilith

Species : Devil - Demon lord

Attribute : dark

Rank : 9 (MAX)

individual name : Marietta - Nightgale

present magical power : 107112

Race Name : Midnight -Succubus

Species : Devil race

Attribute : dark

Rank : 8

individual name : Stella - Twillight

present magical power / magical power containment limit : 5 7 8 9 1 / 103007

CHAPTER 7.5

THE BARGAINING POINT

[Ah, he ran away.]

[Capture him.]

Takahina dived into a shadow, and the moment Takahina was plotting to escape.

The queen Lilith..... Marietta- Nightgale, amusingly smiled.

The midnight succubus..... Stella-Twilight, quickly reacted.

She, who dispersed into a mist in an instant.

Once again showed up at the exact same place where Takahina disappeared, then she placed both of her hand into the floor.

sploch

Stella's hand sink onto the floor like it was on a pond.

Thus, she directly grabbed Takahina, and forcefully pulled him out.

[Guugh!?.]

[Not only a type that can meddle with fate, but you also have a magic item that has special dimensional power. You possess some interesting things, eh?]

Since she thought that it will be quite troublesome if he tried to run once again, Stella quickly snatched the black ring, [shadow gate] from his finger.

She moved swiftly toward Takahina's back and then pushed his back.

Having the center of his body being pushed, without any resistance, Takahina lost his posture and fell to the ground

Stella didn't continue to pin him down, but just bowed to Marietta.

[I've captured him.]

[Good work ~]

Marrieta got up from the throne while making a weird snicker like 'kusu kusu' on her face.

fwop, she combed up her peach coloured long hair, and walked towards Takahina.

She squatted down to match her eyelevel with his, who was half getting up.

Their Indigo blue eyes and Peach coloured eyes were looking into each other.

[kh.....?]

Without doing anything, a hidden smile appeared on her face.

She was just looking into Takahina's eyes.

What in the world does she want to do or so, he thought.

The fact that this queen Lilith is different from what he heard from Vermouth, perhaps she is really the next generation of queen Lilith as he thought.

Perhaps, he was getting lured into entering this room, or so he thought.

While he was thinking of all the possibilities, he can't clearly gather his thought right now.

Since he also can't avert his gaze, it ended up that he also stared into her eyes.

And then after some time has passed.

At long last, Marrieta then tilted her head.

[Heeh, my charm didn't work? That's unusual.]

[kh!?]

Hearing those words, Takahina gasped while thinking that he was totally screwed.

In just a moment, they can capture their opponent, in other words, it's a magic that allowed its user to steal the opponent's soul, charm.

Though it was a magic that wouldn't make a lot a problem as long as you didn't get hit by it, but if you get hit just once, there is almost no way out.

Furthermore, the opponent was another demon lord just like that of Vermouth.

If he gets bound by her magic, he will be tied to Marrieta without being able to resist it for eternity.

[Well, it's alright though. I don't really care about something difficult, also I am not interested in it.]

[.....]

[By the way, what business do you have in the treasure chamber? I won't get mad at you, so just tell me.]

Marrieta slowly stroked Takahina's face, and asked him with her sweet voice.

Since she was totally bored just a moment ago, her mood right now was good.

Since he judged that lying will only bring nothing but bad outcomes, Takahina decided to not lie and just told the truth, the reason why he came to the castle.

[.....I was searching for a magic item, in this castle]

[A magic item? Hey, Stella, did we have something like that?]

She couldn't remember anything about it, so she asked her chamberlain about it.

Stella who curiously tampering with Takahina's ring, she quickly retook her posture and answered.

[We indeed have it. But since it doesn't pique her majesty's interest, we ended up putting it inside the treasure chamber.]

[Eh, so we do have it... heeh. And then you, you wanted that thing?]

[...Yes, I do.]

[Un un un, you're honest and nice!]

Something like magic item is not an item that you can get by just asking the owner to give it to you.

But judging from how she talks, it seems that she didn't cared about it too much.

Perhaps they can settle things peacefully this time, Takahina who held a bit of hope slightly opened his eyes,

and thus, Marietta made a suspiciously malicious smile.

[hmm ~ I don't mind giving it to you... but it depends on you though? Ain't it kind of wasteful to just let go of this lamb who was able to easily enter my castle without any problem?]

[.....]

[Ahahaha! You don't need to make such worried face ~. I won't say anything that's impossible, you know ~... Then.]

In an instant.

There was a sparkle in Marrieta's eyes.

Walking on all four like a cat, and she then looked up towards Takahina acting flirtatiously.

With some lascivious gesture, she lured him.

And yet, there still somehow some flirting attitude coming from her.

[If you accompany me for a night, I'll give that magic item to you.]

At the distance where they can feel each other's breath, Marrieta asked so.

"The meaning of the word [Accompany] was... after all, really such a thing, I suppose".

Towards her proposal... Takahina can only shake his hand looking troubled.

[...I'm already dead. I can't do such a thing.]

The third desire, in other words Takahina who doesn't have that desire called lust, of course he wouldn't be able to satisfy Marrieta's wish.

Perhaps if he was some other thing that was higher in rank than he was now, the problem may be different, but at least, it was impossible for he now.

As Takahina grind his teeth together, thinking that with this, their negotiation was over, Marrieta only snickered.

[Yep, I understand. But you know, despite looking like this I am the queen Lilith, you know? If I wish for it, no matter what kind of being it is, even an undead, I can copulate with them.]

[.....]

[In other word, as long as you nod, there will be nothing to worry about ~. and then, I'll ask the question once again, how about it?

Towards Marrieta who made a smile, Takahina looked like he was bit bewildered.

He was worried of the danger of replying her question with the fact that she was a Lilith, and the demon king on the top of that... or not.

He hasn't even done such a thing with vermouth even once.

There's the fact that they were both undead.

But other than that... he still felt indebted to her.

no matter how hard he thought, he concluded that he wouldn't find any way around it.

Right now, he loved her very much. Though he also hated her at the same time, but his hate and love for her was on the same level.

And then, now he will have to sleep with another person than Vermouth.

For Takahina who see an act of loving several women at a time was a bad thing, therefore he can't accept it easily.

...But then.

He meddled with fate and reached this place, and he was one more step to getting that magic item into his hands.

If the one that the owner desire in exchange was just only his body.

It was something that's so cheap.

Furthermore, if he rejected her at this point it will for sure worsen her mood.

If that happened, then all will be meaningless.

Though she asked him a question, in the first place there was only one answer to it.

Takahina closed his eyes once looking like he gave up.

He prepared himself, then he opened his eyes.

[I understand... If I can get this magic item, it is a cheap bargain.]

[Noise ~ Negotiation success ~! Then quickly, come, come! The bedroom is here ~ ♪]

Takahina's hand was pulled by Marrieta, he was pulled to the front of the door with gem doorknob imbedded in it that was placed deep inside the room.

Compared to the thing that will happen after this, her expression was too innocent.

But her eyes, they glittered with suspiciously.

Stella solemnly opened the door.

and then the three people, entered the room.

The day where they released Takahina, was 10 days afterwards.

CHAPTER 8

The 10 days where heaven and hell met, has ended.

And now, I can't move.

My magical power is all dried empty for the time being. The claw wound on my back also didn't showing any sign of recovery.

I heard that liliths absorb people's life energy, but for me who didn't have it was replaced by sucking my magical power.

Rather, didn't they say it was just for a night?

...No, now that I think about it, this was inside the eternal night area.

In other words, it will always be night, no matter how many days passed it'll still one night.

I did think that it was a fraud, but even if I said that to them now it wouldn't make any difference.

It was my fault because for being fooled.

The person herself who made me her plaything for ten nights straight, now is cleaning herself inside the bathroom.

Though I didn't sweat due to my metabolism, but instead my body is all sweaty because of my opponent's sweat.

It was a good thing that I didn't melt because of my body temperature rose to 2 Celsius due to mana depletion.

Even so, it still felt unpleasant.

Somehow, I was able to raise my body, and with sluggish movements wiped the sweat off my body.

And I searched for my clothes... but I can't find it anywhere.

I'm sure that it was lying over there somewhere, but it wasn't there.

As I tilted my head, I heard the sound of someone knocking the door.

with a shy [Excuse me] that come out late, a woman that wore a maid's outfit entered the room.

- Here's your clothing. It was tattered, so I fixed it -

The clothes that she gave to me while she said that was certainly my clothes.

However, the tears and holes that were everywhere once before were nowhere to be seen, it looked brand new again.

Surely if she wasn't really skillful with her hands, she wouldn't be able to do something like this.

But I think it was still slightly different from what it used to be.

Even though the colour is still black, the shade was deeper after I looked at it carefully.

As I thought how strange it was, the maid bowed.

-Since we didn't have any thread of the same colour, I recoloured the clothes instead -

While I understand how it happened from her explanation, I thought, you didn't need to do that to that extend, right?

Though perhaps it was just her nature, but it was rare to find a succubus that was punctual.

Normally, the succubus race is full of beings that are sketchy and hedonist.

But well, a weirdo will always exist somewhere, right?

Even I, is not someone who have the right to judge someone like that.

While I was thinking about it, she once again bowed towards me.

- This time, I offer my biggest apology for forcing your body. Our master isn't someone that knows moderation after all -

.....

if one listened to her monologue, surely, they will think of her as a loyal maid of her master.

However, for me who is the person concerned in the accident, her words made me want to shout [Do you really have right to say that!?!]

She wasn't a loyal maid or of that sort. Instead, she just intended to blame everything that happened onto her master.

-..... You, you joined in halfway of it, you know. Half of my fatigue is your fault, alright?
-

She averted her eyes.

It seems that she has self-awareness that she tried to cheat her master.

Nee-san is the same as her, I wonder if the expressionless people will show their expression together with some behavior like this?

...Maybe I was wrong, somehow, I was certain of that.

The queen lilith that finally came out from the bathroom, went straight to lying on her throne while still in her bathrobe.

And then her face that was reddish after taking bath faced toward me, and her moist

eyes were staring at me.

- Thanks... it was so much fun. It's been a long time since I was satisfied with only one person.

That was a relief. If after all of that, she still said that she wasn't satisfied, then even I cannot handle it anymore.

To be honest, I had it hard to just stand up, right now.

That's why, please don't stare at me with those eyes that reeks of worldly greed like that, maid-san.

- Your majesty -

- Yes, I understand. since I'm in a good mood, I'll fulfill my promise-

snap

As the queen lilith... Marrieta snapped her finger, the air in front of me warped.

Connect. Magic that was able to connect several places together.

To be able to easily use such high-grade magic like this, as I thought the demon king is a being above the norm.

- Accept it, it's a promise you know-

The thing that appeared from that warped space was a chain.

So, this was the magic item that she mentioned before. So this is it, there's no way a lilith will be interested in such boorish looking thing.

shackle, I put it on my hand. It was sudden, but this thing was cold.

Though profess didn't activated because of my lack of magical power... well, I can just look it up later.

Anyway, with this, it will make it the fourth one.

Though I don't really know about it since I haven't look it up yet, but I have a hunch that this time is a miss.

I felt some sinister aura coming out from this chain. Though it wasn't definite, I can't really think that this thing has the power to revive a death person.

After looking at the thing closely, I brought my eyebrows together and thought.

Suddenly, my body became unsteady.

When I was about to fall to the floor, the maid, I think her name was Stella, caught me.

-..... Are you, all right? -

- So, you tired eh..... it is natural. After all, you accompany both of us together, right ~
-

Marietta snickered happily.

It would be a waste of words even if I say, ' If you know that then please show some restrain ', right?

Lilith is the incarnation of pleasure and joy. There's no way they will show some restrain.

- Hmm, that's right. you can just stay here until your magical power is restored. I will assign Stella to you, so just rest -

...Honestly, I wanted to reject it, but my body said otherwise.

Forcing myself to go outside, then collapsed and ended up as monster's feed was the most that I can do at the moment.

Me who humbly accepted Stella's good will.

Got indebted by this towering fantasy castle inside of this [black lake] for several days until I get my magical power recovered.

inside this castle where there's no dangerous things and only have hundreds of lilith and succubus clamoring.

...If Stella wasn't here, I will be broken for sure this time around.

CHAPTER 9

I took Lost Fangs from thin air and lightly swung it several times.

The edge looked a bit vague, but at least there were not any deviation in it.

One will go through the way their mind wants it to.

.....Yosh.

My magic power has almost restored in these past few days.

Rather, it was better than before. My body felt light.

I made Lost Fangs disappeared, and then sat on the bed that was inside the room.

Thought that it will have the same quality on sitting on a high-quality sofa, but truth to be told, it's not really into my fitting.

I'm glad that I have no need for sleep. If I slept on such a bed that seems like it will make my whole-body sink into it, it will make my body stiff instead.

For a delicate girl maybe, they will need something like this, but it doesn't fit my taste.

As he thought of such thing, finally the door was knocked.

While guessing who will coming at this time, he permitted the person on the other side of the door to enter.

The one who enter, naturally it's none other than Stella.

In the first place, the only one that ever step into this room were only her and Marietta, and Marietta never knocked the door.

More than that, when she felt like it she didn't even enter from the door.

Using 'connect' to directly teleport into the room. It was waste of usage of the high-

grade magic.

She always suddenly appeared behind me and then starts laughing with a satisfied face after looking at my surprised face.

How many times have I thought that she had bad taste.

Stella make a slight bow towards me, then she walked over.

...Wait, that's too close.

Why did you stop 30 cm before my face? It'll make us harder to have conversation wouldn't it!?

As I said it to her, she took a step back with disappointed face.

-..... Is there anything wrong with your body? -

While slightly tilting her head to the side, she asked.

Though her face didn't show any expression, one can only feel her concern from the tone.

It was at that time when I still with nee-san the last time I heard such warm words.

Be it as it may be throwing of one's will, I am grateful of such words.

Well, half of the reason of my body became like this was because of this person though.

Even when she looked like a serious type of person with a poker face, she is still a succubus. For certain she was a being that loves pleasure to her core.

From their fraud sham contract that said to be their partner for one day but in fact it became 10 days, what I've done most of the last two days was being with this girl.

...Though the time I realized that she was still a virgin, my thoughts froze.

Anyway, the fact that I had to accompany both Marietta who didn't have any restrain in the first place, and Stella who didn't know how to hold back, made me almost

returned to be a real corpse.

I felt the reason that I was able to come out safely was almost all because of luck.

For now, if they asked me to do the same thing with them again, I felt that I won't come out safely.

I don't have any intention to accept it if that happen though.

Being leaded by Stella, we walked through the castle's corridor.

Since I already gat the magic item in my hands, and my body has already recovered.

For the sake of finding the next magic item, thus I now stood at this place.

I have already finished greeting Marietta some time ago.

At first, she made a really unpleasant expression on her face, but immediately she made a smile that looked like she had planned something and so she gave me her acknowledgement.

I totally didn't know what in the world was she plotting, but let's just leave it alone for now.

After all, I had already realized from the experience of the past few days, that I can't stop her even if I know what she was plotting.

Arriving at the front door of the castle, Stella turned around.

If I go up from this place, I can get up to the lake's surface.

-... Then, please take care on your way.-

while she said that, as always Stella bowed silently with beautiful posture.

Her ultramarine coloured shoulder-length hair that was evenly cut, was smoothly hanging in front of her face.

I nodded, standing in front of the gate and looked up.

I looked inside a queer darkness, the boundary between surface and bottom.

Since the time I entered I didn't really look closely at it, now that I look at it again, it was really strange.

For me who didn't understand how magic works, even now I still can't understand how could this happen.

Leaving that aside, about my next destination... It was still inside Shardia.

A small town where human resided, its name is [Elbart].

Over there, the fifth magic item, laid.

As I straighten up and spread my icy wings, just before I soared.

From my back, Stella's voice reached my ears.

- May a blessing be with you, Takahina-sama.

And I pray, from the deepest of my heart ---- I will wait for your next visit –

Race Name : Undead ice angel

Species : Undead- angel race

Attribute : Ice

Rank : 4

Possession : Ice sword Lost fang

individual name : Himuro Takahina

present magical power / magical power containment limit : 8812 / 9599

※received magic power from midnight succubus, aggregate amount of magical power increased.

QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANT

[My ~ , has Takahina already left?]

[...Yes, your majesty. Just a moment ago, he departed.]

Stella came out from somewhere underneath Mariette who was lazing around like always inside the throne room.

Her expression when she bowed to Marrieta was expressionless just like always.

But the tip of her eyebrow dropped a little bit.

[.....]

[You look really regretful about the fact that he has gone away, you know? Perhaps, you really have fallen for him?]

[!?, Ple, please stop with the jokes... I am maid after all, there's no way I would do such things.]

[Being a maid have nothing to with it, right?]

Marietta laughing while looking as if she has found something interesting.

She was totally on teasing mood.

[Ain't it just fine ~, falling in love is one of the characteristic that succubus have, right? Though it never crossed my mind that someone as serious and inflexible as you would fall into that rule, you know ~]

[Tha, that's wrong.]

[Your wordings have become funny, you know.]

Though Marrieta was pleased with her maid which was someone who can be called a super woman, but she always thought that the only part where she didn't like is Stella's quality of [she cannot be make fun of].

And now, her appearance while shaking her head frantically in denial even when her face is totally red, was interesting to watch.

It really tickled Marrieta's sadism heart.

[Come ~ come ~ go say it ~. Love love, i loooove ~ Takahina ~ ~, come on!]

[.....ukh.]

[Falling in love for the person she gave her virginity to, Stella is really a naive little girl~]

[.....uh..... ukkh.]

Her usual white skin that as white as snow, slowly became redder.

Though they already knew each other for quite a long time, but it's the first time Marrieta see Stella looking like this.

Without even hiding her full-blown smile on her face, Marrieta continued to tease Stella.

[If you really loved him that much, you could just stop him you know, for 100 years.]

[Li, li..... likye, Like I said, it's not that.]

[How about you see yourself in the mirror? your face is red beet, you know.]

[~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ukh !]

Stella was in total chaos that made Marrieta wanted to say, 'Where did your usual ignoring skill go, huh?'. The result of Marrieta's over teasing even when she knew that perhaps Stella was already reaching her limits but still did not stop her from continuously teasing her.

[St, sto, sto..... stop it!]

A smack.

[It's hurts..... It's swelling...]

[You reap what you sow.]

With a big bump that swell on her head, Marrieta sink into the throne.

Since marrieta was the queen, it made Stella thought that the future of their race will not be long.

[You're cruel, Stella! I will fire you, you know! Fire you!]

[I am grateful for all this time serving you.]

[Don't go ~!?!]

Marrieta desperately cling to the maid's leg that started to walk away without a hint of regret on her face.

[Alright, alright, I'll make use of my special plan, so please stay, Stella!]

[Her majesty's special plan, huh? At most it's worth 20 points.]

[You're cruel!]

Even while shouting, Marrieta again threw herself down to the throne, and then Stella

stood by her side.

As they both took the proper place where they should be, *fwip* she looked up to Stella and then said.

[Stella, If I remember correctly, Takahina was searching for magical items, right?]

[Yeah, that's true. Though he acts as if he is not just collecting them, but he is searching them as specific magical items]

[Anything is fine. In other words, at a place where a magical item exist, Takahina will be there too, right?]

[Haah.....?]

Not knowing what Marrieta was saying, Stella tilted her head.

[Then, if we gathered all the magic items, then Takahina will come here again]

[.....!]

[Then if he wanted the items, we will get ourselves great pleasure... It's perfect, right!? This plan. It's totally perfect!]

A scene where a person who was able to praise at her own plan as natural as this, made one thinking that Marrieta was amazing in her own way.

As expected of queen Lilith.

Marietta snickered, then stood up from her throne.

From her sakura coloured eyes, emitted an alluring light.

[Then, let's go. I have an idea where the magic item is located]

[...Yes, your majesty]

Stella bowed, and followed after Marietta.

and then queen Lilith and her attendant, set foot into the world of the day.

The place where they went was a small city at Shaldia, its name was [Arbarto].

THE MOMENT BEFORE THE GEARS OVERLAPPED

On a certain clear day, early afternoon.

There were 3 shadowy of people that walked the road towards the Shardia city.

[Ah, a branched-out road... Merlan-san, where should we go now?]

[Go right.]

The one who was leading the way, a slender man wearing a weird clothing with a sword hanging around his waist.

He was the [hero] who was called by the Mashanoizas kingdom that said to be the descendant of the hero, Kokonoe shinya

The one who answered curtly toward his question was a girl with pale brown hair that was tied to her back.

She was an adventurer that recently given the highest-ranking adventurer from the adventurer guild, an S-rank adventurer that reached the peak of an adventurer.

[Bow prince] Merlan-mashur

[Fufu... you will meet the cliffs if you go left you know, Kokonoe-san]

The one that gave him a faint smile was a beautiful girl who wore a tattered black jacket on top of her nun uniform.

Ursula – pendragom.

By some weird chance, she ended up travelling together with the other two, she was a self-proclaimed pilgrim nun.

[Ah, is that so? As expected of ursula-san, you've known a lot about the roads because you have already visited many places in your pilgrimage on the continent, am I right?]

[No, it's just that I knew it by chance you know.]

A kind smile without any motives can be felt behind it.

Besides Shiya who have a lewd look on his face, Merlan stared deeply at the jacket that ursula wore over her nun's robe.

[.....]

Though it was tattered, the way to create such black clothes can be seen to be thorough.

She didn't forget it, there's no way she will forget it.

It was the clothes that the man she searched all this time wore.

That day, the day where she can't catch him.

Merlan woke up Ursula, and asked her about him.

She was at the same place where he was, furthermore wearing his clothes.

There's no way they didn't have any relationship, or so she thought.

However, Ursula answered [I don't know anything].

she fainted due to the fatigue of the journey, and the moment she woke up, she was there.

Looking at Ursula's eyes, by her instincts, Merlan thought.

---- Ursula was lying.

Surely, she knew something that is related to [him],

Merlan doesn't even know his name.

And so, she created some excuses, and invite Ursula to travel together with her.

Since the opponent was a beauty, Shinya easily gave her consent, Ursula also accepted her proposal.

Ever since then, even when they moved from places to places, Merlan searched for it.

Information about him, that Ursula knew.

[By the way, Merlan-san. The place where we are going next, what city is it called again?]

[...It was written on the map, right?]

[Well, I can't read]

[.....]

Why in the world do I have to journey together with this kind of guy, or so Merlan sometimes thought.

He persistently followed her around, recently she even thought of chasing him away as it was bothersome.

"Haaah" she blatantly sighed, and then answered with displeasure.

[.....It's [Elbart].]

A little more before the gears started to overlap.

What shape it'll make, no one will know.

FRAGMENT

She wondered on how many cities that has been destroyed.

She wondered on how many people that has been killed.

No, from the start, she, the vermouth - erzalord never count the numbers.

It's not important. Whoever she killed, how many things she destroyed.

It wouldn't even become a distraction for her.

Lonely, lonely, lonely.

She can't be helped to be sad, her tears can't stop flowing.

The man she loved was not beside her

Her important couple was not there by her side.

That fact made her sadness and loneliness spilled out.

Piled up corpses, piled up debris.

Only leaving the trace of the destruction, she only continued to walk forward.

Slowly and slowly.

So that he, her beloved Takahina.

Will realize her, and come to find her.

The vermouth only gazed at the city that was set ablaze in daze.

He was also, not here.

Takahina was not here, not in this city.

Cities, forest, mountains, caves.

She even searched on a high grass.

However, she can't find him.

Where, where are you?

It's so lonely, it's so lonely, you know.

Please don't leave me alone.

Please don't throw me away.

If there's thing that you don't like, I will fix it, anything.

I will listen to anything that you say, I will become a good person the way you want.

That's why, please come back.

Come back, Takahina.

- Hina..... Hinaa ~... -

While drop of tears flow down from her eyes, she once again started to walk again.

Aimlessly, just to look for him

The monster that has already destroyed in total of 12 towns, villages and cities.

Again, she found another city and, so she walked towards it.

Its name --- [Elbart]

INTERLUDE

THE TRUE HERO

-..... Your majesty.

I can foresee what will happen in the future. -

- Is that so, Miko?

Then, what kind of future did you foresee?

The destruction of the world?

Or perhaps, its salvation? -

- I can't say it was the both of them.

What these eyes can see, is a small city.

It will appear at that city, a two great magic.

...They are the demon lords. -

- What.....

2 of the demon lords, in a place where humans lived?

I've received information from Shardia, isn't it just the one that destroy the city?

...If someone said that this is the premonition of the end of the world, I can't even smile or jest about it -

- It is so.

The expansion of the perpetual night area, the appearance of the demon lord recently, everything was a harbinger of the end of this world.

If we don't erase all of the demon lords as fast as we can, there will be no future for us-

- Oh, Miko, our highest Miko in Mashanoisaz.

Where is this city located? We have to send our [hero] as soon as possible. -

-..... please wait, my king.

I could see another thing, hmmm.

Crossbow, broken cross, and then glass... No, it is wings made of ice.

Hmm... hmmm hmm.

Oh, my king. It seems at that place, hero happen to be already present. -

-..... Is it, Shinya - Kokonoe? -

- It is true. -

- No good, he can't win.

we have already given him a holy sword, but he doesn't have any talents for a hero.

Not to mention against 2 of the demon lords at the same time, it wouldn't even be a battle. -

- Agree, agree.

However, no matter how bad he is, he is still a hero.

Even if he was just a [spare], there is still a possibility of him being able to wound to the demon lords.

And then from what I've seen, these two demon lords, maybe they are going to oppose

each other.

Perhaps, this is good luck for us. -

-..... Is that so?

If you say that, it must be true then.

Then, as I thought, we still have to send out our [star performer]? -

- That is as expected.

With [her] power, we could eliminate the demon lords.

She is indeed the one, the vessel of the hero. -

- Hmm..... using a mocked youngling from another world for bait, and make a young girl as a hero.

How foolish of a king am I? -

- Be that as it may, only the king is capable of doing that -

- I truly understand that.

If it will bring peace to this world, I don't care of any mud that will smear over this body.

And then, I wish... for this peace to stay forever. -

-..... My king. -

-Then, now it's time for you, my lady to show your power to the world.

The demon lords who wreaked havoc on Shardia, and the new demon lord that appeared.

I will rely on you to bring down these demon lords, and bring the peace to this world.

---- ---- MAYU - HIMURO Dono.



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